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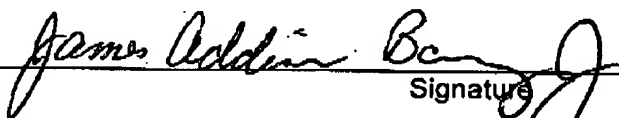
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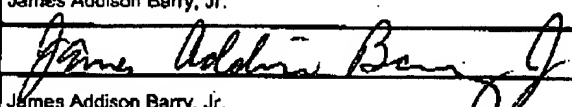
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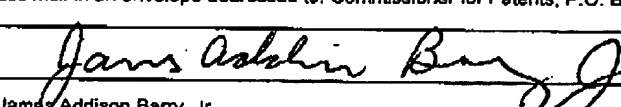
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, having a shortened-statutory response period extending through and including June 24, 2005, please enter the attached amended claims, and consider the following remarks:

Introductory Comments:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of March 25, 2005, wherein:

- A) Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112: Claims 4-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 4 the phrase "is capable of" is vague and ambiguous. Similarly in claim 5 the phrase "being operative for" is vague and ambiguous. The Examiner stated that corrections were required. In claims 5-8, the Examiner stated that it is not